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HFD REMINDS CITIZENS FIREWORKS ARE ILLEGAL IN THE CITY OF HOUSTON

The Houston Fire Department reminds citizens that it is illegal to discharge fireworks or to have fireworks in your possession in the City of Houston. Harris County residents should also be aware that HFD will be enforcing the fireworks ban in the Limited Purpose Annexation areas. (Maps of these areas will be posted on the HFD website at www.houstonfire.org by Monday, June 27)

The fines are anywhere from \$500 - \$2000 for each individual firework. Each case is different and it would be up to a judge to determine the exact amount. Warnings are no longer used because of the seriousness of the firework laws.

There are inspectors and investigators from the Fire Marshal's office who patrol the City starting June 25 to remind people of the laws and to answer questions. If there are any fireworks found, they will be confiscated.

If a minor is caught with fireworks, the parent or guardian will receive the fine even if they were unaware of the minor's possession and/or usage.

HFD encourages citizens who wish to view fireworks to attend one of the area's permitted public displays. (A list of these will be posted on the HFD website by Monday, June 27)

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*HFD will be holding a press conference regarding fireworks and Forth of July safety, June 29 at 3:15 p.m. at Fire Station 6, 3402 Washington.
A media alert will be released with additional details.*